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of the lands to be served by the canal was not exhaustive. A revised list, including *all* the lands, should be caused to be prepared, and the interest to be recovered then rateably distributed among all the lands.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar is enquiring into the matter and the Member's representations will be considered when the Peishkar's report is received.

8. Grant of Venthazhivu and Tharisu remissions for the lands under the Thovala channel.

Mr. Ibrahim Pillai Syed Mahomed (Member, Nominated) said that, owing to the poverty of the soil, the crops died out in the case of certain lands under the Thovala channel. The ryots used to call this *venthazhivu*. Remissions for *venthazhivu* and *tharisu* were being granted for the *puravus* under the Pazhayar for a long time past. It was true that such remissions were not hitherto granted for the lands under the Thovala channel, but that was because the latter were not taken up for cultivation, owing to the want of water facilities. Water was now available and the ryots were taking up such lands for cultivation. The Member prayed therefore that the lands under the Thovala channel might be allowed remissions for *venthazhivu* and *tharisu*, as were allowed in the case of the lands under the Pazhayar. There would be about 200 acres of such lands requiring the concession.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

9. Restoration of the bunds of paddy fields, irrigation tanks, channels &c., in the interests of the agriculturists.

Mr. Krishnan Easwaren (Member, Nedumangad Taluk) said that sufficient lands had not been set apart for the use of the ryots for taking manure and for grazing their cattle. The few lands that were set apart here and there were practically useless. He therefore suggested that the *Poramboke* lands adjoining paddy fields and all other unregistered lands in convenient places might be set apart as manure and grazing grounds, free of all interference by the Forest Department.

The Member said that the next point he wished to bring to the notice of the Government was that most of the irrigation tanks and channels were silted up and some of them had also been registered. These latter should be acquired and the tanks and channels restored to their original condition. A few aqueducts were also necessary in some channels for diverting water to the lands having no irrigation tanks. These should also be provided. A portion of the amount spent in restoring the irrigation sources and maintaining them annually might be recovered from the ryots and the balance met by the Government.

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